



Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

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Pend Oreille PUD Appoints John Janney as new General Manager

Newport, Washington – Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (“PUD”) appointed John Janney as the District’s General Manager at the December 19, 2023, Board Meeting through a unanimous vote by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Janney was selected by the Board after an extensive national search that began after Colin Willenbrock left for a new position in February 2023.

Janney brings to the position over 30 years of experience in the energy, utility, and banking sectors and has worked in a variety of roles. He has an extensive public utility background as he has served as Chelan County PUD’s General Manager as well as both Grant and Klickitat County PUD’s Chief Finance Officer. Janney has a master’s degree in finance from Boston College and a Bachelor of Science degree in business from the University of Montana.

“We are headed in the right direction and have found the right person to continue to guide our utility in fulfilling its mission of delivering quality service at low cost,” said Curt Knapp, president of the three-member Board of Commissioners. “I believe Janney’s leadership, experience, and industry knowledge will keep the PUD on a solid foundation now and into the future. We are looking forward to working with him and staff to navigate the utility landscape that lies ahead.”

Mr. Janney’s first official day is today, December 20, 2023, and he commented at the board meeting that he is “thrilled to be here and looks forward to working with everyone”. “I am honored and excited to serve in this role and continue the good work that the PUD does for this community”, said Janney. “The PUD is well positioned, and I look forward to continuing to carry out the PUD’s 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.”

Janney is the 10th permanent General Manager since the PUD was formed in 1936.

About Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Pend Oreille PUD was established in 1936 and began operations in 1948. The PUD is governed by three locally elected Commissioners. A General Manager and staff operate the utility within policies set by the Board of Commissioners. The PUD has four operating systems: The electric system distributes electricity to the county, the production system produces power from the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the water system consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions, and the community network system provides wholesale broadband communication services. For more information visit: <http://popud.org>.



John Janney pictured outside the PUD ~ December 19, 2023